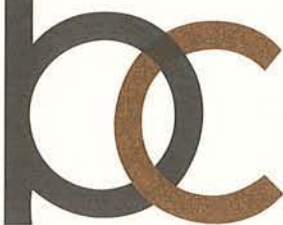


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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

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Prince George's Black Chamber of Commerce (PGBCC) was founded to provide the support and resources to help African Americans grow their businesses and enrich their lives. At PGBCC, we are dedicated to the economic empowerment of small, local and minority-owned businesses in Prince George's County, and as such, we understand and advocate for increased access to broadband in our communities. Additionally, as a business association, we regularly take the lead on business and professional issues as they relate to small, local and minority-owned businesses in Prince George's County and the region. One of the issues we are increasingly concerned with is eliminating the barriers to entry for minority entrepreneurs.


Entrepreneurs and small business owners rely on the Internet to save costs, expand their customer base, and stay competitive in a global marketplace. Unfortunately, the Commission's Open Internet NPRM aims to regulate how businesses and organizations use technology. While we understand the premise of increasing openness and access, what increased regulation intends and what it actually means are often two different realities.

By restricting companies' abilities to distinguish their products and services and by establishing new regulatory obstacles, the Commission runs the risk of solidifying the market position of the status quo, rather than encouraging entrepreneurship. Established companies often have the financial means to address and interpret new regulatory frameworks, while new businesses and small businesses are primarily concerned with just keeping their business afloat, especially during periods of economic recession and recovery.

Until the Commission can point to fact-based research that proves increased regulation will not have an adverse effect on small business and

entrepreneurship as a whole, as well as within minority communities, we cannot in good conscience support the Open Internet NPRM. As the Commission noted in the release of the National Broadband Plan, small businesses account for the majority of more than 1.2 million new jobs created. Equipping our small businesses with the training and tools needed to thrive in a digital economy will require the support of both private and public stakeholders. We urge the Commission to focus on this initiative and the many other programs outlined in the National Broadband Plan before approving any increases in broadband regulation.

Sincerely,



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